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Mr. Martin
c/o Senator Edward M. Kennedy
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Dear Mr. Martin,

You have established without doubt that writing you is a futility. I now want you to ask yourself why I persist in a futility when I have committed myself to confidentiality as a condition to taking the blinders off Kennedy eyes, especially when typing is painful to me because of an injury the stitches on which I fear I pulled yesterday in another futility, trying to protect your Senator and his reputation, both of which are in greater danger than you seem willing to even consider possible.

Last night typing became a physical impossibility. So, I tuned in that eminent expert on piss who has, in the Kennedy name, held to be the man most qualified to examine this withheld evidence of the assassination of the President. Do I have to tell you that piss was no factor in the assassination or any of its evidence? Nor anything in the urinary track?

He made it clear. He became the expert of choice, when it was entirely unnecessary to make any choice, when there was neither need nor compulsion to do this obscene thing that was done - in the Kennedy name - because of his certified a) incompetence and b) admitted ignorance. What makes him an extort? He hasn't even read the published testimony! What is the basis of his knowledge? He has fired lots of guns, so he is an expert! Does he know anything about pathology? Horros, no! What, then, is the basis of all this? His interest in the Lincoln assassination - and he immediately saw "parallels"! Of course, he also sat in that infamous window. How could a man be more "qualified"? If you think this an exaggeration, it is an understatement. I asked a friend in the city in which that broadcast originated to tape it, should you doubt it, and I will supply it. I have taked this incredible Lattimer from CBS, and what he said there is simply incredible to anyone knowing anything about that assassination. I haven't time to expound on this at greater length, but I ask you to begin with the understanding that on no basis was there any need to make anything available and that Lattimer did not and can not meet the requirements of the contract between the estate and CBS, yet he was picked. It would have been another kind of disaster if the supberbly qualified head of the American Academy of Forensic Sciences had been selected, for then the immediate Kennedy hurt would have been greater. For the political experience all Kennedys have had, the political stupidities in their names are monumental.

I have a narrower purpose in this new effort to enlighten you. If you read the story Fred Graham wrote, having had it carefully fed to him, as I knew in advance because what Lattimer tried to sell him was too zany even for Graham - that the brace kept the President from falling over, and that the Ace bandage, not the straps with which all such braces, including my three, was to keep the brace down, hence the President could not fall over from the first shot, etc.etc. The thing that, next to the lies about validation of the Warren Report that is most conspicuous is a duplication of an earlier such leak to Graham, the Kennedys are responsible for the suppressions. Let this sink in, please. I have the story if you don't. And it is a lie. I don't know what you do or can do, so I

asking you to preserve my confidence. I will tell you a few things you may not have known, again having a purpose, the hope you may be able to think to one od the logical conclusions that can flow from it.

No Kennedy, personally, ever had possession of the autopsy film during the period in question. I have the most precise and official records on this, NOT from the Warren Commission. Robert Kennedy NEVER denied the Commission access to it, not in any way. Quite the contrary. In fact, he wasn't even asked, Again, I have the suppressed official evidence. On the other hand, despite this lie that Grahama among others pushes so hard, and again from official and suppressed evidence in my possession, the Commission did have the autopsy film. What was done with the picture, save for one, which was examined by the renegade Democrat who became Republican District Attorney of Philadelphia by his conversion. With the X-rays-all of which NO LONGER EXIST -if you dobt my word who took them to the Commission, who saw them and when, I will take you to that official. In addition to this, I have an official record proving that the X-rays were at the Commission. And over and above all this -again I have the records - the most strenuous effort was made to get Robert Kennedy to certify to the accuracy of the Warren Report BEFORE IT WAS EVEN WRITTEN. He was "protected" by the kind of loyalty with which I have been trying to cope. He was, in fact, blackmailed, as I charge in the book I have just completed and to which I will not have to add a chapter (not pillorying you). A man who subsequently became even more prominent was the instrumentality. The threat was that if he didn't do it he would be hailed as a witness before the Commission. This would have been unbearably painful to him. But ask yourself to what he could have possibly been a witness, from Hickory Hill, where he was the time of the assassination.

If anyone were interested in setting your man up, his friends and trusted advisers have just done it for him. As Robert's last words (total lie) validated the Report and added that there were no secrets in the Archives disproving it, and that he had seen it all, the same has been done now to Edward.

By coincidence and in all cases uninquired and in all cases because of deep distrust of what has just happened, each of the three reporters I told you could tell you I am neither a nut nor a self seeker phoned me yesterday, two in the afternoon, one at night. I didn't tell them I had suggested you could check on me through them, but neither mentioned hearing from you. This is your affair. It will become my affair if anything at all happens to Edward. I would then not be in your position for anything. I have asked nothing personal of you. I have asked only that you inform yourself. Your great love for the man you serve obviously dictates that you remain aloof from anything that may in any way suggest any danger to him, any motive for desiring his hurt. That you will have to live with, and should he die naturally in his sleep or in an auto accident or in any innocent way, you will be tortured. If there is any reason to have any suspicion should anything happen to him, you should expect considerable attention. I will then regard it as my obligation to make your record public. There must come an end to these killings of men who would lead toward peace, and there must to even the fear of being assassinated. No ostrich can help bring this to pass.

You might want to consider what the reaction will now be if someone critical of the official account is permitted to see the autopsy film and then says it disproves the Warren Report. The immediate defense of those responsible you have helped fix in the public and media mind: the Kennedys have caused all this suppression. Don't for a minute doubt that dozens of false records can't be produced by those really guilty to make this seem true. The foundation was laid with some care.

Robert was often quoted quoting Santayana, that those who do not learn from history are doomed to relive it.

Sincerely,

Harold Weisberg